

STREETSCAPE MANUAL

INTERAGENCY INITIATIVE NATIONAL MALL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

Streetscape serves as a unifying and visually enhancing element of the historic design of our Nation's Capital. The purpose of this manual is to provide guidelines for a coordinated and consistent streetscape treatment for roadways in the central area of the city in the vicinity of the [National Mall](#). The Manual has been prepared as part of a coordinated effort among Federal and District of Columbia agencies to implement the current road improvement initiative but is applicable beyond the initial program. The Manual does not supersede officially adopted plans and policies established for the area but will assist in guiding the implementation of the plans. It deals with the areas fronting on roadways and pedestrian ways considered part of the street scene.

The Manual will be used by Federal and District of Columbia agencies and their contractors in the rehabilitation or reconstruction of roadways in the area extending generally from Pennsylvania Avenue and E Street, NW., including [President's Park](#) on the north, the Potomac River and the Southwest Freeway on the west and south, and Second Street on the east, including all property under the jurisdiction of the [Architect of the Capitol](#), as shown on [Map 1](#).

MANUAL CONTENTS:

Concept and Classifications:

The manual begins with a description of the overall concept and a classification system for roadways in the vicinity of the National Mall. This provides guidance for determining the design treatment of these roadways in accordance with their function and purpose. Maps are included which depict the classification system and the roadways included in each classification.

Streetscape Elements:

A matrix outlining the streetscape elements proposed for each class of roadway is included in the second section of the Manual. An illustration of each element is provided. Also included is a map that shows the suggested street light standards in the vicinity of the National Mall.

Application to Current Program:

This section describes how the elements in the matrix relate to the projects proposed for the FY 1991 - FY 1998 road improvement program. A map shows the projects (color coded by construction year) that will be undertaken by the District of Columbia, the National Park Service with the Federal Highway Administration and the Architect of the Capitol. The schedule may be adjusted in the future based on available funding. A chart outlines existing conditions and the suggested changes and improvements for each project and the year it is programmed.

Special Considerations:

Areas of special interest are examined in this section. The National Park Service is currently preparing comprehensive design plan proposals for the President's Park area around the White House. A map outlines the current proposed sequence of roadway and sidewalk construction for this area.

Details and Specifications:

Details and specifications for each streetscape element are included for use in preparing construction documents for roadway improvement projects.

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